

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11, 2024



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

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Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week
It was compassion that moved the heart of Jesus to heal the leper. He worked this miracle because the leper, in his faith, boldly asked him to. Have that same courage in approaching God with your needs. Have that same faith in His power to heal. ©LPi

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Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 am, 5:00 pm
Monday-Thursday 5:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wed & Sat 4:00 pm

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Sat	5:00 pm	Beverly Jean Candelaria
Sun	8:30 am	Parishioners of St. Paul's
	11:00 am	Carlos Mellizo
Mon	5:00 pm	no intention
Tues	5:00 pm	no intention
Ash Wed	7:00 am	no intention
	5:15 pm	no intention
Thurs	5:00 pm	Daniel Klein
First Sunday of Lent		
Sat	5:00 pm	For Jeanne & John Van Heule on their 50th anniversary
Sun	8:30 am	no intention
	11:00 am	Ronnie Sanchez
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Paul's



Sunday Gift Offering

February 4: including electronic donations:
\$11,666.00. 10% tithe for charitable outreach:
\$1,16.60.

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. 1Cor 10:31

Super Bowl Sunday

Due to a major sporting event being aired at 4:30 pm on February 11, **there will be no 5:00 pm Mass on Super Bowl Sunday.**

Do you have blessed palms from past years? Drop them off in the basket at the entryway to the Worship Space. They will be burned and used for Ash Wednesday or deposited of properly.



Upcoming Events

No 5:00 pm Sunday Liturgy on February 11

Ash Wednesday, February 14
Liturgies at 7:00 am & 5:15 pm
Ecumenical Worship at 12:10 pm
at St. Paul's Newman Center

Stations of the Cross and Simple Meal
Fridays during Lent at 5:30 pm
February 16, 23 and March 1 at St. Paul's
March 8, 15 & 22 at St. Laurence

Resident SEARCH
Friday - Sunday, February 23 - 25

First Communion Preparation
Tuesdays at 5:30 pm
February 27, March 5 & 19

Slow Motion Mass
Saturday, March 2 and Sunday, March 3
at 5:00 pm

Taizé Prayer
Monday, March 18 at 6:30 pm



Ash Wednesday Special Collection

A reminder that a special collection on Ash Wednesday be offered to **Catholic Charities of Wyoming**, that "fosters community action" by calling upon all to join in serving and advocating for persons in need. Their primary areas of service are to Immigration Services, Affordable Housing & Advocacy, Elderly Care and Senior Ministries, and Native American Solidarity.

Make checks payable to the Newman Center.



Andre House
OF HOSPITALITY
MAKING GOD KNOWN, LOVED AND SERVED

2024 Lenten Project

This year's Lenten Project will support the **Andre House** in Phoenix, AZ. A number of our students recently spent a week providing service to those experiencing poverty and homelessness.

Next weekend at all liturgies, these students will share about their time spent at Andre House.

Slow Motion Mass

Saturday, March 2 & Sunday March 3

At the 5:00 pm Saturday and Sunday Liturgies, you will have an opportunity to pause liturgy to ask questions about the Catholic Mass.

RETROUVAILLE--A Lifeline for Marriage -

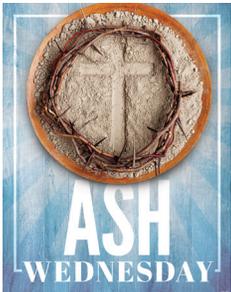
Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. This program has helped couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery.

For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 8 -10, 2024, call (720) 257-9106 or email: retrouvaille.co@gmail.com or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Thank you to members of our community who belong to the **Scouts of America** and helped with hospitality at the 8:30 am Liturgy this weekend.



MARDI GRAS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13



Ash Wednesday is February 14.
This year, all liturgies will be held at the Newman Center

Liturgies: 7:00 am & 5:15 pm
Ecumenical Service: 12:10 pm
including distribution of ashes.
(Liturgies at St. Laurence:
8:00 am & 5:30 pm)



Stations of the Cross & Simple Meal

On Fridays during Lent, plan on praying Stations of the Cross beginning at 5:30 pm following by a simple meal. The Newman

Center will host that event here the first three Fridays on February 16, 23 and March 1. St. Laurence will host March 18, 15, and 22.



Bringing Home the Word

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Jesus Embraces the Culturally Marginalized

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Today's readings are about forced quarantine. On one level they are about diseases that might be contagious. On another level they are about ritual impurity that was contagious. The Israelites believed that to stand before God in worship, one's body had to be physically intact—no fractures or missing body parts, no open wounds, no oozing body fluids. Skin lesions like those associated with leprosy made one ritually unclean or impure. Furthermore, to touch one with such a disease was to become unclean oneself. The ritual impurity was considered contagious, not necessarily the disease. Unclean people were socially and religiously ostracized.

Sunday Readings

Leviticus 13:1–2, 44–46

The individual shall cry out,
"Unclean, unclean!"

1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1

Whatever you do, do everything
for the glory of God.

Mark 1:40–45

"If you wish, you can make me
clean." ...[Jesus] said to him,
"I do will it. Be made clean."

In the Gospel story, Jesus completely neutralized this practice. Touching the leprous and thus unclean man, Jesus not only didn't become unclean himself, but he actually made the man clean again. The issue here is not merely one of healing. It is a matter of reincorporating the marginalized man into society.

Unfortunately, out of fear or a sense of superiority, some people ostracize or marginalize entire groups of people. This bias might be based on gender, race, culture, sexual preference—almost anything. In this way the benefits of society are denied to those who are marginalized. One characteristic of Jesus, obvious throughout the Gospel stories, is his all-inclusiveness. Jesus rejected no one. He was open to those who society ostracized. He interacted graciously with people with diseases, non-Jews, recognized public sinners, and those working with the Roman occupiers—all people considered ritually unclean. As his disciples, can we do less? †

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is his all-inclusiveness.***

A Word from Pope Francis

[Jesus] extends His hand and touches [the leper]....To touch with love means to establish a relationship, to enter into communion, to become involved in the life of another person even to the point of sharing their wounds. With that gesture, Jesus reveals that God, who is not indifferent, does not keep himself at a "safe distance."

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

ONE QUESTION REFLECTION

- Which groups of people does society tend to ostracize or marginalize?
- Is there someone I fail to recognize as a brother or sister in Christ?

Where Does Hope Come From?

John Shea

Every year I look forward to Lent, although I'm not sure why. I grew up in a Catholic neighborhood where Lent was a community affair. Everyone, adults and children, tried "giving up something." Although one girl in my sixth-grade class gave up her little brother, most people denied themselves some culinary delight. Lent was a deep breath that you took, held for six weeks, and let out at noon on Holy Saturday.

There is also the hope for some slight signs of improvement. I am always on the lookout for a better self. Lent triggers an "I can do better" tape and connects with my early childhood memory of *The Little Engine That Could*: "I think I can, I think I can, I think I can..."

A *New Yorker* cartoon shows two men in a dungeon without windows or doors. They are manacled to the wall by their wrists, ankles, and neck. Both have long beards; they have obviously been there a



while. One is leaning over to the other and whispering, "Now here's my plan."

This cartoon made me laugh and when I have described it to others, they laughed. There is something essentially human about a burst of hope in a hopeless situation. It shows us who we are: people without a way out who are planning a way out.

Where does this deep hope come from?

Václav Havel, the former president of the Czech Republic, was once asked, "Do you see a grain of hope anywhere in the 1980s?" He began his lengthy answer with, "I should probably say first that the kind of hope I often think about, especially in situations that are particularly hopeless, such as prison (e.g., the manacled planner), I understand above all as a state of mind, not a state of the world. Either we have hope within us or we don't; it is a dimension of soul, and it is not essentially dependent on some particular observation of the world or estimate of the situation."

Hope is not a response to what we observe or how we estimate what is going on. Hope is an inner quality we bring to life. †

Source: *Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter*, 2008

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

Excerpt from *Ash Wednesday: Our Shifting Understanding of Lent* by Lawrence E. Mick

We dirty our faces on Ash Wednesday and are cleansed in the waters of the font at Easter.

When we receive ashes on our foreheads, we remember who we are. We remember that we are creatures of the earth ("Remember that you are dust"). We remember that we are mortal beings ("and to dust you will return"). We remember that we are baptized. We remember that we are people on a journey of conversion ("Repent and believe in the Gospel"). We remember that we are members of the body of Christ (and that smudge on our foreheads will proclaim that identity to others, too). †



Loving God, open our eyes to see in every person the face of your son whom you sent to teach us to love as you love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

February 12-17

Monday, Weekday:
Jas 1:1-11 / Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, Weekday:
Jas 1:12-18 / Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, Ash Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18 /
2 Cor 5:20-6:2 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday after Ash Wednesday:
Dt 30:15-20 / Lk 9:22-25

Friday after Ash Wednesday:
Is 58:1-9a / Mt 9:14-15

Saturday after Ash Wednesday:
Is 58:9b-14 / Lk 5:27-32